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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...does every county have a county fair?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, almost every county.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And any county that wants a county fair may have one. Is that true?

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's correct, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the counties that choose to have a county fair have done so, we don't need a State Fair, in reality, do we?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, yes. I think it's the culmination of a year's activities where they go to the local fairs and show their wares and win a place that allows them to go to the State Fair and compete with people from all over the state. It's a gathering of all the people.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where the eagles gather. Where is the State Fair located now? Is it in Lincoln?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And some were talking about taking it to Grand Island or someplace else at one point?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I don't know. There was some, I guess, some discussion. I don't know that was very valid discussion, but there was some discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Most of the competitors at the State Fair would come from rural areas, wouldn't they?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Most of the what?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The competitors; those who compete.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh. Well, no, not necessarily. They come from Omaha, Lincoln, from all across the state. Every...there aren't just livestock. There are all kinds of activities at the